Hike in wages of Khadi Spinners

3175. SHRIMATI ELA RAMESH BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Khadi and Village Industries Commission has raised the wages of khadi spinners;

(b) if so, how much and since when; and

(c) what efforts have been made by his Ministry to ensure that hike in wages is communicated to the spinners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The wages of Khadi artisans have been increased by 10 per cent w.e.f. 1.7.1988.

(c) KVIC has already communicated the decision about wage hike to all i's State Directors for implementation. Revised cost charts based on the increase in wages have come into effect from 1.7.1988.

Petro-chemical Projects

3176. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrochemical projects set up and functioning in the country;

(b) the names of the places where these projects are set up;

(c) when the Central Government cleared these projects, projectwise; and

(d) when the projeet reports were submitted projectwise together with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) At present there are 62 major petro-chemical projects in the country located in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(c) and (d) The above projects have been set up over a period of time commencing from Sixties, after due approval on techno-economic consideration.

Head Post Office in Ransar Valley

3177. SHRI R. S. NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Head Post Office in Ransar Valley in Shimla district;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to open a Head Post Office there; and

(c) if s, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) There are, at present two Head Post Offices, *viz*,. the Shimla GPO and the Rampur Bushar Head Post Offices in Shimla District, Himachal Pradesh. Government do not have any proposal for creating more Head Post Offices in this District.

इंडियन ऑयल कारपोरेशन द्वारा वाहन प्रभारों का भुगतान

3178. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक** गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 26 कस्तूरबा गांधी मार्ग, नई दिल्ली स्थित इंडियन ऑयल कारपोरेशन की पाइपलाइन डिविजन के कार्यालय में यूनियन और प्रबन्धकों की मिलीभगत से गत तीन वर्षों से स्थानीय यात्राओं के लिए वाहन प्रभार प्रतिदिन 2500 रुपये और 3000 रुपये की दर से दिये जा रहे हैं, जबकि डिविजन में अनेक वाहन उपलब्ध हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों में प्रतिदिन औसतन कितना वाहन प्रभार अदा किया गया है ;